

ity is really benefited and raised by the culture resulting from the social intercourse of the wealthy classes? Ah! little dreamer, I fear that you are too much of an idealist, but do you know I'm awfully fond of you?" and embracing me tenderly she bade me farewell.

Charlotte's baptism took place last Sunday, at the Couvent du Sacré Cœur. Words could not describe the loveliness and charm of the whole proceeding. How like an angel she looked in her white lace gown, with her sweet expression of childish dignity! I was her unworthy godmother. She recited the prayers, and made her promises in an earnest, clear voice, and after the ceremony received everyone's congratulations with the brightest, most gracious manner imaginable. The nuns crowded about her, feeling perhaps instinctively drawn to one so like themselves in simplicity and innocence.

"She is the picture of her mother, who was my only child," her grandfather whispered in my ear, "the mother, too, always had a leaning towards the Church of Rome," and he added thoughtfully: "It's a grand old institution, and seems firmly rooted."

"Then you approve of her choice?" I ventured to ask.

"Oh! yes, yes!" he answered, I was at first only resigned to it, but now I am almost a Catholic myself! It is quite astonishing how my opinions have changed and my prejudices disappeared."

I looked at his noble old face and was not surprised that our religion with its lofty ideals; its precepts of unselfishness; its guidance in every event of life, should especially appeal to him. Non belief results neither in nobility nor strength, but leaves us irresolute, weak and selfish. Often the very teacher of atheism is one who though professing no belief in creeds, yet keeps the commandments, and follows the great moral teachings of religion; and because of this we listen sometimes with respect to his denunciations of the spiritual reasons which have called forth the very moral laws he practices himself. He is inconsistent. Unbelief and immorality really go together for both recognize no moral government.

Religion and morality are mates because all moral laws have sprung from religion.

The civil law by itself has never been able to enforce true morality; it can only demand the appearance of it; religion alone reaches our consciences; gives us a high motive for